Railway Recruitment Boards for which indents have been placed, appointments on compassionate grounds, redeployment of surplus staff by suitable retraining and promotion.

(e) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Enquiry Commission

1461. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) number of accidents took place in last three years (zone-wise);

(b) number of Enquiry Commissions constituted so far;

(c) what are the main recommendations and findings thereof; and

(d) what action the Government has taken so far on these recommendations?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Number of accidents took place in the last three years, zone-wise is as under:-

Railway	Number of Accidents		
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003*
1	2	3	4
Central	58	50	32
Eastern	35	47	37
Northern	66	79	69
North Eastern	37	37	35
Northeast Frontier	95	58	38
Southern	43	35	26
South Central	48	36	42
South Eastern	53	50	30
Western	29	21	21

1	2	3	4
East Central	—	—	13
North Western	—	—	06
East Coast	—	—	—
South Western	—	—	—
West Central	—	—	—
North Central	—	—	—
South East Central	—	—	—
Metropolitan Transport Project	—	—	—
Konkan Railway	09	01	02
TOTAL	473	414	351

* Figures are provisional.

(b) to (d) During the period, Justice Saghir Ahmed Commission has been constituted on 13.2.2001 to inquire into serious train accident involving the collision between 3005 Up Howrah-Amritsar Mail and derailed wagons of Foodgrain Special on 2.12.2000. The report is, however, awaited. However, 87 cases of accidents during the period are inquired into by the Commissioners of Railway Safety (CRS).

Recommendations received from the CRS are examined in the Ministry of Railways in regard to their feasibility and practicality, financial implications and their overall impact on Railway operations, and decision on their acceptance/non-acceptance is conveyed to the Commission of Railway Safety thereafter. The examination/ implementation of various recommendations of the CRS is a continuous ongoing process.

Approval for GM Potato

1462. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the statement of Dr. Manju Sharma, Head of Department of Biotechnology